

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE ORRSTOWN LODGE NO. 262 F & A.M.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Orrstown Lodge No. 262 F & A.M. for their one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. On March 1st, 1852, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania granted a charter for the establishment of a masonic lodge in Orrstown. The charter members were: Henry Ruby, John Orr, James B. Orr, William Orr, William F. Breckenridge, Joseph Johnston, John Wunderlich, and Jacob Heck, who all lived in Orrstown and the vicinity. James B. Orr, the first Worshipful Master, and the seven other charter members, desired a lodge in their own town, not just for more accessibility, but because they knew that the community of Orrstown would uphold the values, traditions, and beliefs of Freemasonry. On May 6th, the first meeting of the masonic lodge of Orrstown came to order and opened in Ancient form. They would meet on the first and third Thursday of the month until November 20, 1879, when they became a moon lodge. Since that time they have met on the Thursday night on or before a full moon.

I would like to impress upon my colleagues that although their longevity is impressive, the traditions and values that have been passed on through these years are their most notable achievements. Freemasons began as a society that was based on the principles of morality and brotherhood. A society in which education and charity are bricks in the foundation of their existence and altruism is central in the character of its members. A mason is a man of integrity and honor. Attributes that are not only beneficial to the man who possesses them but to the community where the man resides. The Orrstown Lodge has been instrumental in helping to develop such qualities.

In the popular Masonic book "The Builders," author Joseph Fort Newton answers the question: "When is a man a Mason?" He writes, "When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage, which is the root of every virtue * * *. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them and above all, how to keep friends with himself * * *. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song; glad to live, but not afraid to die. Such a man has found the only secret of Freemasonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world." The world would be a better place if only we had more of such men.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you to join me in congratulating the Orrstown Lodge on their one

hundred and fifty year anniversary. I wish the members of this extraordinary organization the very best in the years to come.

ON THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as the 32nd anniversary of Earth Day was recently celebrated, it was wonderful to note how environmental conservation issues have become part of the public consciousness. The grassroots movement that established the environment as an important political issue in the 1970s has brought lasting changes on both the national and local level. In Congress, the need for environmental legislation has resulted in the passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act. On the local level, communities all over the nation, including those in my district of Guam, continue to celebrate Earth Day.

Our local environmental agency, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), has organized numerous activities to celebrate Earth Day. The programs planned by GEPA embrace the theme "Environmental Education is for Everyone". All the activities promote environmental awareness and the idea that individual action makes a difference. GEPA is celebrating Earth Day by holding activities through the month of April. Projects include island wide trash clean-ups, hazardous waste and 'white good' collections, and a Run/Walk/Jog to raise environmental awareness. Other planned activities include a young person's art competition to illustrate environmental success stories sponsored by the United Nations, and two coral reef clean-ups to be performed by local scuba divers. Today, I wish to congratulate and commend GEPA's efforts to improve the state of the environment on Guam.

Environmental protection and resource conservation help make the planet a healthy place to live and save critical resources for the future. Thus, our actions today benefit not only ourselves, but the generations yet to come. As we say in Chamorro, "Prutehi i tano'ta": we must protect our land.

Earth Day is an important reminder that we must all work together to sustain our island resources and to remember that every action does make a difference. On the national level, I will continue to advocate for the environment and the people of Guam, supporting bills that promote wise management of our coastal zone, protect our resources, and conserve our coral reefs. However, it is the actions of local agencies and people who effect real environmental change. On this anniversary of Earth Day, I would like to thank the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the people of

Guam who work to preserve our natural marine and terrestrial resources, to achieve clean air, land, and water, and to protect the natural environment on our island.

THE PACIFIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES CONSERVATION ACT OF 2002

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Pacific Highly Migratory Species Conservation Act of 2002, which amends the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to keep the West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) free of pelagic long-line fishing.

For those new to the issue, pelagic long-lining is a fishing method that uses long-lines more than 20 miles in length, which are suspended horizontally over the water by surface floats. Attached to that long-line are lines and hooks that dangle vertically in the water for as long as twelve hours. Those baited hooks are meant to catch highly migratory species of fish such as swordfish and tuna, but they have the unintended consequence of also catching many other sea creatures swimming by in search of a meal. On the East Coast, the species that are caught in this gear by mistake (called by-catch) include endangered sea turtles, dolphins, pilot whales, porpoises and even sea birds. These creatures are stuck on the longline until it is reeled in, which takes several hours. Many cannot withstand the long soak time while stuck on the line, and they have no escape from predators.

A lesson from history is proof of the need to address this problem: For over 150 years on the East Coast, commercial swordfish harpooners maintained a strong viable fishery by targeting fish that were adults and that have spawned more than once. After the introduction of drift long-lining in the late 1960s, swordfish and marlin stocks decreased at a rapid rate. In fact, it took less than 30 years to virtually bring these species to their dangerously low levels of today. We have a thriving harpoon industry in California with exceptionally high quality product that should be protected.

Congress has debated how to restrict or eliminate the use of the pelagic long-line gear in East Coast and Gulf of Mexico waters over the last three years. Unfortunately, the National Marine Fisheries Service is considering allowing the experimental use of these non-selective and destructive long-lines within the 200 mile West Coast EEZ. This would have a devastating impact on all West Coast pelagic fisheries, but most particularly in California, where long-lining has not been previously permitted.

My bill will protect the species in the West Coast waters from long-line gear, remove pelagic longline gear from the West Coast EEZ

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from the Canadian border with Washington State to the Mexican border with California. Our marine ecosystems will be protected from the devastating impact of the gear and serve as a successful example of sound fisheries management. In California's commercial fisheries, there are more selective ways to target economically valuable pelagic species. We should not let the mistakes made in the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico waters replicate themselves on the West Coast.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Girl Scouts of the USA this year for their 90th anniversary. Since 1912, the Girl Scouts have strived to help all girls grow strong by teaching them to develop to their true potential. Through girl scouting, girls acquire self-confidence and expertise, take on responsibility, and are encouraged to think creatively: all qualities essential for good citizens and leaders.

Today, with a membership of 3.8 million, the Girl Scouts are the largest organization for girls in the world. Of that 3.8 million, almost one million of those are adult volunteers, who dedicate their time and enthusiasm to ensure that Girl Scouting is available to every girl in every community, reaching beyond racial, ethnic, socioeconomic or geographic boundaries.

Scouting encourages girls to study fields that are typically male dominated, such as science, technology, health and sports. Of the more than 50 million women who are Girl Scout Alumnae, over two-thirds are doctors, lawyers, educators, or community leaders—including many Congresswomen. Former Girl Scouts include Eileen Collins, the first female space shuttle commander, Olympic Gold Medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Senator HILARY RODHAM CLINTON.

For 90 years, Girl Scouts have paved the way for girls of all ages, empowering them to become leaders, and community activists. Through their dedication, Girl Scouts have improved our communities, and adults have realized they can be positive role models to children. Many thanks and congratulations to the Girl Scouts for their invaluable achievements over the last 90 years.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD DARMANIAN

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Richard Darmanian, an exemplary citizen deeply admired by all who have worked with him, especially members in the Armenian community throughout California and the United States for his assiduous devotion as an educator and community leader.

This month, Mr. Darmanian's peers recognized him for his fifty years of altruistic service to his community, wherein he served as director of the Armenian National Committee (ANC) of Central California from 1988 to 1996 and as an educator and administrator in the Fresno Unified School District since 1952.

Mr. Darmanian is a respected leader whose efforts championed the vision of an established Armenian community in the San Joaquin Valley. Twenty-five years ago, he was instrumental in founding the Armenian Community School of Fresno, an institution that has helped to teach Armenian children their heritage and language.

At a time when leadership is in high demand, Mr. Darmanian is a beacon to the young, enabling a new generation of leaders. His work has brought the Central Valley a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Armenian culture.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Richard Darmanian on being recognized by the Armenian National Committee of Central California. His commitment and dedication to the entire community deems him more than worthy of this acclamation. I wish him continued success, both personally and professionally.

HONORING MYRON PITTMAN ON HIS 102ND BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to pay tribute to a distinguished resident of Bucyrus, OH, on the occasion of his 102nd birthday.

Myron J. Pittman was born on April 30, 1900, in northwest Ohio. He graduated from high school in 1918, and subsequently went to work for the Ohio State University, checking and reporting on dairy herd production throughout the State of Ohio. Mr. Pittman later attended Otterbein College—until, as he says, he “ran out of money.”

He moved to Crawford County in the mid-1930s and ran a dairy farm there through the 1960s. At various times, Mr. Pittman also worked as a rural mail carrier and for the Ohio Department of Highways. A dedicated community supporter, he served as a member of the Whetstone Local School District Board of Education for 9 years. Mr. Pittman is a longtime member of Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Bucyrus.

Mr. Pittman and his wife Opal enjoyed more than 74 years of marriage before she passed away in 2000. He has two daughters, Mary Gast of Marion County and Barbara Quaintance of Crawford County, and enjoys spending time with his 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pittman is in good health and takes no medications. He has a sharp mind, and keeps a close eye on the goings-on in Washington. His voting record is truly inspirational: he has voted in every Presidential election since the Coolidge/Davis contest of 1924.

I know that my colleagues join me in saluting Mr. Pittman's contributions to his community and in wishing him a happy 102nd birthday.

TRIBUTE TO SALLY ANN ROBISON

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to remember and honor a woman who was a leader in public education in Northern California, Mrs. Sally Ann Robison. After a lifetime of dedication to her family, faith, and students, Sally passed away on April 25, 2002. She was 58 years old.

The former Sally Ann Franklin was born in Riverside, California, on September 30, 1943, to Albert John Franklin and Mary Jane Richards. She grew up in the Cities of Stockton and Sacramento, where she attended C.K. McClatchy High School and Sacramento City College. After graduating from California State University, Chico, Sally earned a Master of Arts degree in education from California State University, Sacramento. With this training, she forged a lifetime of public service in the field of education.

Her long and distinguished career as an educator spanned from North America's Pacific Coast to Western Europe, and from the classroom to the boardroom. While stationed in Germany with her husband, Air Force Academy graduate Jim T. Robison, Sally taught school for six years. Upon returning to California, she was an instructor for three years in the Sacramento City Unified School District and for one year in Gridley, California. Then, for 22 years, she taught at Noralto Elementary School in the North Sacramento Unified School District. Most recently, she taught kindergarten for six years at Pasadena Avenue Elementary School in the San Juan Unified School District.

Aside from her efforts in the classroom, Sally's passion for teaching children to read led her to serve on the California State Textbook Adoption Committee. Additionally, she was greatly concerned with higher education. Since December 1992, she served on the Sierra College Board of Trustees. Thus, she had a role in shaping the lives of students from kindergarten to college, the beginning and ending of one's academic experience.

Being both socially-conscious and socially active, Sally belonged to many community organizations. These included the San Juan Teachers Association, the California Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the South Placer County Republican Women, Federated. While known for her quiet, friendly demeanor, Sally also had great integrity and a steely resolve. Standing for what was right at all times was important to her, even if it meant standing alone.

Most importantly, Sally Robison was devoted to her family and was a committed member of the Sunset Christian Center in Rocklin, California.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Jim, her daughters, Amy and Ashley Robison, and her granddaughter, Alexis Robison. I join with her family, friends, and community in mourning her passing.

May you rest in peace, Sally.